

REMARKS

The Office Action of 01/07/2008 has been carefully considered. Reconsideration and allowance in view of the present remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-10 were rejected as being unpatentable over Knutson. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The present invention relates to an inductive system allowing large inductance values to be achieved in a compact manner and finds use in tuners and various other applications. A suitable inductance value is achieved by coupling in series a spiral printed coil and a non-printed coil, such as an air coil. The spiral printed coil may have an inductance that is a large percentage of the total inductance, e.g., 33% (page 6, lines 14-20). Knutson does not teach or suggest such an inductive system.

Knutson teaches a printed inductive loop—not a spiral printed coil, but a *part of one turn* of a printed coil—serially coupled to an air coil. The loop is bridged by trimmable bridge members such that the length of the loop and hence its inductance can be adjusted, incrementally adjusting the overall inductance value by some few percent, e.g., 10%.

Knutson does not teach or suggest a *spiral printed coil* serially coupled to a non-printed coil. Accordingly, Knutson cannot anticipate the present claims.

Various further details of the present invention are recited in dependent claims 2-7. Knutson does not teach or suggest these features, which relate to the particulars of how the system inductance using a spiral printed coil and an overlapping non-printed coil is determined. There is no overlap between the air coil and the inductive loop of Knutson.

Moreover, Knutson does not teach or suggest the arrangement of claim 6 in which the non-printed coil is connected to the center end of the spiral printed coil.

Withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of claims 1-10 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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